

<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p><b>Address to:</b> Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	<b>10/504,813</b>
	<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>February 16, 2000</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Shuji Goto</b>
	<i>Art Unit</i>	<b>1746</b>
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	<b>Jonathan Crepeau</b>
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>09792909-4468</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 23, 2006.
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other
- 2. Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$1810.00 (the basic RCE filing fee and three (3) month extension fee) to American Express credit card. Credit Card payment authorization for the fee is made via the electronic submission process.. **Applicant(s) hereby petition for any extension of time needed to ensure that this submission is timely filed.**
- WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer No. 26263	<u>/David R. Metzger/</u>
Dated: <u>October 10, 2006</u>	David R. Metzger, (Registration No. 32,919)